**Group Art Unit** Inventor(s): ESCH et al. Examiner: S. L. Hendrickson TECEIVEL OS 2002 FL Appln. No.: 08 870,591 Atty. Dkt. 238397 Series Code ↑ Serial No. ↑ M# June 6, 1997 Filed: Appln. Title: Precipitated Silicas Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 JUN 2 5 2002 Sir: REPLY/AMENDMENT Date: June 25, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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3. Independent Claims	1	***minus	3	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
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Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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## Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments** 

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 18 and 19 without prejudice.

Please add new claim 20 as follows:

The precipitated silica of claim 16, wherein said DBP/CTAB ratio is 1.545 to 3.5. -

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